

News Advisory



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State Parks' Report on Future Parks for Central Valley Ready for Release

Input from Valley Residents Provided Basis for Vision Plan

WHO: Lois Wolk – State Assembly Member, 8th District (D-Davis)
Mike Chrisman – Governor's Cabinet, Secretary for Resources
Ruth Coleman – Director, California State Parks
Carol Whiteside – President, Great Valley Center
Helen Thompson – Yolo County Supervisor
Amy Ruttlledge – Executive Director, Sacramento Valley Conservancy
Brian Dulgar – Director, California State University Aquatics Center

WHAT: Release of the "California State Parks' Central Valley Vision".

Over the past two years, State Parks has conducted an extensive public outreach, holding town-hall style meetings across the State, from Redding to Bakersfield, asking Valley residents for recommendations on what kinds of special places they wanted to preserve and protect as future park, recreation, historical and cultural sites. This was done because the Central Valley is growing rapidly, yet remains one of the most underserved areas of the State. This report outlines what kind of parks Valley residents said they want for the future.

Director Coleman will release and discuss the report. Other dignitaries will discuss how this report applies to their areas and proposed projects for future.

WHEN: 11:00 AM – Wednesday, May 24, 2006

WHERE: Point Plaza, at Nimbus Flats, Lake Natoma (adjacent to CSUS Aquatics Center)
Highway 50 and Hazel Avenue
Rancho Cordova, CA (From Sacramento: Take Hwy 50 east, exit Hazel Avenue
and turn left, over freeway, watch for signs on immediate right, California State
Parks, Nimbus Flat, pass kiosk and follow road to edge of lake) ###